

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF SCOTTVILLE, MICHIGAN**

The 1457<sup>th</sup> Regular Commission Meeting of the Scottville City Commission was held on September 3, 2019 and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Krieger.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present:

Commissioners	Rob Alway Brian Benyo Sally Cole Connie Duncil Sue Petipren Marcy M. Spencer
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Mayor	Bruce Krieger
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Also, in attendance were City Manager Magaluk, Clerk Howe, Deputy Clerk Lester, Chief Riley and Attorney Thompson.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Old Business #5- Downsizing the precincts

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion, by Alway and seconded by Spencer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

19-139  
Approve Agenda

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion, by Cole and seconded by Benyo, to approve the 1456<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Motion carried.

19-140  
Approve Minutes

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS**

Petipren requested clarification on the billed use of crushed gravel. Krieger questioned a check written to Preferred Credit. Motion, by Spencer and seconded by Cole, to approve the bills in the amount of \$36,225.53. Motion carried

19-141  
Approve Bills

## HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Donna Thomas new LMTA board member; introduced herself to the Commission. Also informed board of new LMTA director; Paul Keson. She noted she the first regular user of the buses to serve on the board.

## COMMUNICATIONS

None

## REPORTS

### CITY MANAGER

- Sidewalk project on Maple Ave completed with the exception of handicap ramp.
- Precinct Consolidation information requested through SOM.
- Working on updating continuous work contracts for currently outsourced services and maintenance.

### CITY ATTORNEY

Thompson will be discussing the nuisance abatement for the property located at 112 South Reinberg Ave later in the meeting, as well as downsizing precincts.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Riley's police report was submitted for review. No additional updates.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

None

### OLD BUSINESS

#1: Magaluk contacted the appraiser for a cost breakdown rather than a combined value for the Optimist Hall, Band Shell and land. Additional comments from MDNR are still outstanding. She is also

preparing to submit the grant request to MEDC. In addition; Joe Knowles has been working to draft a formal purchase option for review.

**#2:** On 8/29/2019 Magaluk submitted a grant request for \$5000.00 to The Community Foundation for Mason County. This funding would be used towards the DDA's plan update, community outreach, and a small, community-based improvement project. Still waiting to hear back.

**#3** Magaluk attended the Board of Public Works meeting 8/21/2019 for clarification on the large discrepancy between the estimates and bids submitted for the lift station project, as well as any possible cost-savings. It was noted in major part this was caused by demand and market forces. There are no local companies capable of such a large-scale project. Therefore travel/lodging/shipping costs are included. The low bid contractor was contacted in reference to any possible savings, none were noted on his behalf. DPW / Drain Commission have been working to fix known issues with the city. Mayor Krieger stated an increase in water/sewer rates may be something to consider at a later date to offset the high cost of this project.

**#4** Update on 112 S Reinberg Ave blight/nuisance. Resident was served 9/2/19 and has 21 days to respond.

**#5** Attorney Thompson stated that in order to downsize to one precinct we must first vote to amend the charter. Other factors at play being the resolution of the commission from 2 wards to 1 & removing 2 bodies from the board. Magaluk will reach out to SOS again for clarification. It was noted that with the recent changes to voter registration regulation, and no reason absentee voter elections would run much smoother operating under 1 precinct.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **HEARING OF THE CITIZENS**

Bill Lehrbus, representative to the MCRFA, stated on Thursday a budget meeting will be held. He also noted his term will be up in January and would like to continue serving on the board.

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- Petipen noted she enjoyed reading Magulak's letter in the newsletter.

- Petipren asked if Magulak could speak up when she talked at the meetings so people like herself could hear her better.
- Mayor Krieger requested recruitment of volunteers to paint the observation platforms and picnic tables at Riverside Park.
- Alway noted it was nice to see a patrol officer around the school and appreciated Office Skinner's interaction with the bus drivers and students.

### ADJOURN

It was moved by Spencer and seconded by Benyo to adjourn. So carried at 6:02 p.m.

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Adjourn

  
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Bruce Krieger, Mayor

  
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Kelse Lester, Deputy Clerk